



## Purchasing **Green** Computers – A Teleconference Opportunity II

On Thursday, November 2, 2006, from 1:00 PM–3:00 PM EST, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Northeast Recycling Council, Inc. (NERC) are co-sponsoring a national interactive teleconference on the purchasing of “green” computers.

The teleconference will focus on the *Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool* (EPEAT), an easy-to use online system to help purchasers identify environmentally preferable or “green” computers that contain less toxic and more recycled/recyclable materials. EPEAT is now available to purchasers of electronics in the public and private sectors at [www.epeat.net](http://www.epeat.net). More than 230 “green” desktop computers, notebooks, and monitors have been registered on EPEAT by major electronics manufacturers since the tool became fully operational on July 21, 2006. The teleconference agenda includes information on how to access the EPEAT products database, product availability, and strategies for incorporating a preference for EPEAT-registered products into purchasing specifications and contract language.

Purchasing EPEAT-registered computers is one of the strategies for achieving the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Goal set forth in DOE Order 450.1, Chg. 2, *Environmental Protection Program*. Also, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is tracking Federal agency performance in electronic stewardship, including purchases of environmentally preferable electronics by Federal agencies. Progress reporting in response to the OMB Scorecard and DOE Order 450.1 Chg. 2 will include purchases of EPEAT-registered desktop computers, notebooks, and monitors by DOE sites.

Pre-register by October 31, 2006, by email [epeatrsvp@nerc.org](mailto:epeatrsvp@nerc.org) or fax (802-254-5870). Provide your name, affiliation, email address, phone number, city, and state. Registrants will receive the teleconference number, access code, and web address for the speakers’ PowerPoint presentations by email.

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